

EVANGELIST PREACHES ON OBEDIENCE

TELLS NON-BELIEVERS SOME PLAIN FACTS.

Six Make Start For Better Life—Children's Choir to Sing at Tonight's Service—Evangelist to Address Sunday Schools at the Tent Tomorrow Afternoon.

"How is it you're not the man you ought to be? Why blame it on someone else? If you are not what you ought to be, your wife's husband is the one to blame," said Evangelist Smith, addressing himself last night to the non-professors, who offer various excuses for not becoming Christians.

"You ask what's the matter with the churches, and say there are hypocrites in them. I know it. So there are in your lodge, but you don't get out. The churches were not made for perfect people, but for those who want to be better. And then you pick out the worst church members, you can find and pass over all the fine men and women who honor God. If a hypocrite gets into the church it's our duty to try and make him better. Because a hypocrite does get into the church it's no proof that the church isn't good. If some of you carried out your ideas about the church you'd have a whist party at one end, a prize fight at the other, and a dance hall in the middle.

"One man told me he couldn't believe the Bible because it was too inconsistent and asked me where Cain got his wife. I told him he got her from his father-in-law. Some men are more concerned about other men's wives than they are about their own.

"Get in tune with God and the Bible won't trouble you so much.

"Ask some people why they are not Christians and they'll tell you they don't feel like it. Had I consulted my own wishes I wouldn't be here tonight. I had a doctor with me in my room ten minutes before I came."

The subject of the sermon was obedience, the evangelist using Saul's disobedience to portray the result of sin. The text was from the words found in I Samuel, 15:22: "To obey is better than sacrifice." He dwelt upon the story of God's command to Saul to destroy the Amalekites and Saul's disobedience which resulted in the loss of his throne and power. For many years the Amalekites had been carrying off their young men and women and destroying their crops. God decided that they had wrought enough misery and He determined to destroy them. He ordered Samuel to tell Saul to muster his army and march against them, destroying every one of them, with their property.

Saul marched against them and destroyed all the people, save the king whom he brought back in irons. He kept the finest sheep and the finest oxen. God was wroth with Saul and sent Samuel out to meet him. Saul was telling of his conquest, when the sheep began to bleat and the oxen to low. His "sins had found him out."

"Into Samuel's ear you could hear the sobs of a disappointed God as He told Samuel that Saul had disobeyed Him," said the preacher. "It was the sob of a disappointed God weeping and pleading with a rebellious man."

"I wonder how many of us here tonight are rebellious? Listen! Suppose God should write upon the forehead of every man here just what he is, how long could we keep this congregation together? I can hear God telling Samuel, 'Saul has turned back from following Me.' And Samuel cried all night. His crying was not the last time a preacher has cried over his congregation. Listen! It isn't work that disheartens a preacher—it is the inconsistency of his followers. You church officials and Sunday school teachers, have you gone back on God? You church members in Alexandria are either tying your ministers' hands and making it harder for him to preach or you are helping to make his work easier. Which is it?"

"Saul's trouble came because he didn't turn sin down. I've been in your city two weeks and not one man has invited me to play cards or offered me a cigar, no one has invited me to go to a dance. Why? You say they wouldn't insult me. No, and they wouldn't insult you if they knew

Gypsy Smith, Jr., Epigrams

I know some of you don't like revivals. Neither does the devil.

Some people have an idea that religion is moving in uniformity in one old rut.

The difference between a rut and a grave is that the grave is a little deeper—both accomplish the same result.

You say a revival is only temporary. So is a bath, but it does good while it lasts.

What we need is a baptism of horse sense.

Don't blame God if your boys and girls go wrong. Your example may have started them.

Some people stand outside so they can dodge the collection.

where you stood! There are too many trimmers—people don't know where they stand.

With a tinge of sadness in his voice, after having made a passionate appeal to the unconverted to go forward and accept Christ, one only having responded, the evangelist suddenly turned and addressing the church members, said: "If you Christian people are not going to help me these meetings can be stopped right here and spell failure. I've done the best I could". But turning to the great audience before him he again lifted his voice in another earnest request to those who were unsaved to make the start, when five moved forward and grasped his hand, making six in all who took a stand for Christ during the evening.

Notes and Announcements

"Another meeting for the children will be held at the tent this afternoon at 3 o'clock. 'Willie Jones' is expected to be present.

At tonight's meeting the children's choir will occupy the platform and lead in the singing.

Visitors were in attendance last night from Mt. Rainer, Md., and Falls Church.

Evangelist Smith will address the members of the Sunday Schools at the tent at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the close of the big parade. Seats will be reserved for them in the center of the auditorium.

DEATH OF MRS. HOWE.

President's Sister Passes Away at Early Hour This Morning.

New London, Conn., Sept. 15.—Mrs. Annie Howe, only sister of President Wilson, died here at 6:15 o'clock this morning.

Joseph Wilson, brother of the President, and Mrs. Howe's sons, Wilson and George, her daughter, Mrs. Cothran, and Miss Margaret Wilson were at the bedside when she died.

President Wilson immediately was notified. Information here soon after Mrs. Howe's death was that the President will not come to New London. The body will be sent to South Carolina for burial, however, and the President and Mrs. Wilson will accompany the funeral party.

MILLINERY OPENING.

On Wednesday and Thursday, September 20th and 21st, we will display a full line of fall and winter millinery.

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Alexandria City News Condensed

Mrs. W. H. Decoss, of Alexandria, has been visiting her father, Mr. G. W. Herndon, near Winston, Va., this week.

John Matter had the misfortune to break his right arm while cranking his automobile near the big tent last night.

There will be a meeting of the ladies auxiliary to the Old Dominion Boat Club, on Monday evening, September 18, at seven o'clock at the boat house.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Davis and family have returned to their home in this city after having spent the past few months at their country home at Lorton, Va.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Nichols of N. Patrick street have returned to this city from Middleburg, Va., where they visited Mr. Nichols' parents Mr. and Mrs. Hayes Nichols.

Mrs. Katherine Hammersley accompanied by her son and grandson, Mr. Sidney Hammersley and Master Sidney Hammersley are spending a week in the mountains.

Col. Grenville Gaines has been appointed by Governor Stuart a member of the Board of Visitors of the Virginia Military Institute, in place of Col. Francis L. Smith of Alexandria, deceased.

Mrs. Joseph Stewart entertained the Ladies' Aid Society of Fort Myer Heights Chapel at Farlee on Wednesday afternoon. Among the invited guests were Mrs. J. A. Carpenter of Del Ray, and Mrs. Williamson of Alexandria.

KILLS BABY FOR CRYING

Montgomery County Farm Hand Chokes His One-Year-Old Daughter to Death.

Rockville, Md., Sept. 16.—Douglass Shipley, a farm hand, 23 years old, whose home is near Unity this county, was committed to jail here yesterday on a charge of murdering his baby girl, aged about one year. His wife, formerly Hattie Tavenner, of this county, was his accuser.

At an early hour yesterday morning, Deputy Sheriff Mareen Dury, who lives near Redland, received a telephone message from Mrs. Shipley saying her husband was killing their baby. Joining Mr. Shipley, who had gone to the house of a neighbor to send the message, Deputy Dury hurried to the Shipley home and found the child dead. Its body still warm. On its face and neck were numerous bruises. While the officer was there Shipley, who was not in sight when Dury arrived, entered the house and was arrested.

According to Mrs. Shipley her husband was somewhat under the influence of liquor Thursday night. During the night he complained that the crying of the baby disturbed him and the mother said he struck the little one several times. This was repeated frequently during the night and finally the father grabbed the infant about the throat and choked it until its tongue protruded.

Mrs. Shipley then fled from the house in her night gown and bare feet and summoned the officer. Mrs. Shipley explained that the reason she did not go sooner was that her husband had threatened to kill her if she made any attempt to leave the house. After being brought to Rockville Shipley admitted, it is said, striking the baby, but declared he had no intention of killing it.

Firemen's Night.

To the members of Relief Hook and Ladder Co., Columbia Steam Fire Engine Co., and Reliance Steam Fire Engine Co.

As the representatives of those in charge of the Gypsy Smith, Jr. evangelistic campaign the undersigned committee hereby extends an earnest invitation to you, as firemen of this city, and to each one of you personally, to attend the service on Tuesday evening next, September 19th, at the tent on upper King street, and if possible to appear in uniform.

Executive Committee.
Norfolk Oysters on sale at the Rammel Cafe.

Miss Genevieve Goods has returned from Charlotte, N. C., where she was entertained at a house-party.

Clarence Mills, a resident of this city, died last night. Funeral arrangements have not been made yet.

A cake sale was held today at 602 King street for the benefit of Ann Lee Memorial Home of the Aged.

Miss Lillian Dye has returned to her home in this city after visiting Mr. R. L. Heflin and family in Fredericksburg.

Mrs. Alexander K. Sands has returned to her home in Richmond after visiting her sister Miss Gault Norton in Prince street.

Messrs. A. S. Webb and W. A. Andrews of New York have returned to their home after visiting Mr. and Mrs. Walter Roberts in Duke street.

In the Circuit Court for the city Judge J. B. T. Thornton, today a verdict for the defendant was rendered in the case of Ed. Dean vs. Chas. Dean, a claim for \$450.

Dr. Clarke of the U. S. Public Health Bureau addressed the teachers of the public schools of Alexandria county in Mt. Vernon school, Del Ray on school sanitation. Drs. R. J. Yates and R. A. Quick of Alexandria county's health board, the superintendent of schools and the county public school teachers attended the meeting. The schools will re-open on Monday.

INDIAN HEAD A MENACE

Reservation So Small That Shells Endanger Homes and River Crafts.

Enlargement of the government reservation at Indian Head, Md., where the navy's big guns are tested, is being urged by ordinance officials. It is said the largest types now being made cannot be tried out on the present proving grounds without risking destruction of life and property nearby.

An official of high rank yesterday cited a recent experience during the firing tests of a 16-inch rifle. One of the shells, although fired by a reduced charge of powder, penetrated a mass of heavy armor plate, passed through the sand dune behind it and ricocheted into the residence of Mrs. Mary Swann, wrecking the structure and narrowly missing its tenants.

In another case a shell dropped into the front yard of the commandant's residence. It is recalled also that the gunboat Dolphin, with a congressional committee aboard, was narrowly missed by a shell several months ago while passing up the Potomac. The projectile fell so close that spray swept over the Dolphin's decks.

Until the reservation is enlarged ordinance officials declare such accidents are unavoidable, even when most stringent precautions are taken.

WANTS FEDERAL PROBE.

Washington, Sept. 16.—The Federal Trade Commission has received over a dozen requests from interested parties in all parts of the country to conduct an inquiry into the bread and wheat situation. It was stated authoritatively yesterday that the commission cannot take up the matter of instituting a formal investigation until the bakers, who have been threatening to increase the price of the loaf, leave off talking and begin to act. The situation so far reported and upon which requests for investigations have been based, are local, it was said, and do not involve interstate commerce.

Notice

This to give notice that certificate No. 634 for nine shares of stock, certificate No. 656 for five shares of stock, certificate No. 689 for seven shares of stock, certificate 700 for nine shares of stock, certificate 712 for two shares of stock of the Alexandria Water Company, standing in the name F. P. Gillingham were destroyed by fire April 18th, 1916.

Mrs. W. D. O'Neil of this city, was a recent visitor to Manassas.

There was one case before the Police Court this morning, that of a white man who gave his name as Alexander Paid, and who said he was from Richmond. He was arrested by Officer Campbell who charged him with being drunk near the gospel tent last night. Justice Caton dismissed him with the understanding that he would leave the city immediately.

Charles Bendheim, commissioner of conciliation of the United States Department of Labor, arrived home yesterday from a two-months' trip through Illinois and Ohio. While away he assisted in settling a number of strikes one of which involved several thousand machinists in the state of Ohio.

The case of Emma Williams against Joseph C. Gates for alleged damages sustained by her in falling into a ditch which she claimed had not been properly filled in by the defendant, was decided in favor of Mr. Gates in the jury trial held yesterday. The jury was out about five minutes. She brought suit for \$5,000.

Those desiring copies of the Gazette containing the sermons and articles published during the Gypsy Smith revival services should leave or send their orders to the office at once in order that they may not be disappointed as it may be difficult to secure them later on, the supply being limited.

STRIPLING'S PLEA.

Danville Man With History Like That of Jean Valjean Appeals to Werner.

"A chance; just a chance to begin life anew," was the plea made to Chief of Police Werner of Richmond this week by Thomas Edgar Stripling, the Danville Jean Valjean.

Stripling convicted of murder in Georgia and sentenced to a long term in the penitentiary of that State, managed to escape, and for a number of years evaded all efforts of the police to locate him. He began a new life after his escape, and settled in Danville. There he won the respect of citizens and secured a place on the police force. During the years he was in Danville he rose rapidly as a policeman, and had been serving as chief of police of Danville for several years when a visitor from Georgia recognized him as the escaped prisoner.

Stripling was arrested and taken back to Georgia, where the identification was completed. He was sentenced to prison for his unexpired term, but it was generally believed that he would be pardoned after a term of one year. However, year after year went by and the pardon was not forthcoming.

In the meantime his family was in dire straits. His wife was ill with a small child dependent upon her for support. During a visit to her father, Stripling's little girl, Bessie, learned that the Governor was visiting the prison. She succeeded in having him pointed out to her, and pleaded with him for the liberty of her father. The appeal touched the Governor's heart, and he promised to send "daddy" home a free man as soon as it could be arranged. Six weeks ago the Governor of Georgia made good his promise.

Stripling made his way back to Virginia. He has not been back to Danville and will not go there he says. He will reside in Richmond in the future, and is now looking for a job.

KILLS HER BEST FRIEND

Nashville, Tenn., Sept. 16.—A Jackson, Tenn., special says that Miss Kate Davis, 18, shot and instantly killed Miss Winnie Moore, daughter of G. H. Moore, her best friend, in the store of R. E. Rogers there late Thursday. The young women were keeping store while the proprietor was attending the county fair, and in a drawer found a pistol which Miss Davis pointed at her friend, thinking it unloaded. The weapon was discharged, the bullet taking effect in the girl's forehead.

NEW INDUSTRY FOR ALEXANDRIA

BIG BREWERY BUILDINGS TO BE USED

The Robert Portner Brewing Company to Engage in the Manufacturing of Dairy, Stock and Poultry Feeds Operations to Begin About First of Year.

The Gazette is gratified to be able to announce that the city of Alexandria is to have another industry to take the place of the Robert Portner Brewery which is to go out of the brewing business November 1st, on account of the State law which goes into effect on that date.

Citizens of Alexandria one and all will be glad to learn that the Robert Portner Brewing Company will engage in the manufacture of stock, dairy and poultry feeds, and that the present buildings owned by the company will be utilized for that purpose.

The company is already investigating and arranging for the purchase of the necessary machinery, and it is expected that they will begin operations around the first of the year.

The plant will have a capacity of 20 tons per hour of the various kinds of feeds they will handle.

The industry will supply a long felt need this locality which may be readily understood when it is known, that the State of Virginia alone consumes about 200,000 tons of these feeds per year, nearly all of which comes from the western States.

The firm will remain under the same ownership as at present and under the management of Mr. W. Stark, a practical feed man who gained his experience in the business while assistant state chemist in Mississippi.

All will join the Gazette in wishing the new enterprise abundant success and prosperity.

BULGARS LOSE MEN AND GUNS

Kaiser Claims Victory and Sends Encouraging Dispatch

BRITISH PUSHING ON

Centre Gains 500 Yards North of Fourceaux Wood—2,800 Germans Taken in 24 Hours

Saloniki, Sept. 16.—Victorious Serbian troops are driving the defeated Bulgars in disorderly retreat back toward the Serbo-Greek frontier in the direction of the Serbian town of Monastir, said a Serbian official statement issued here today.

The Bulgarian losses are enormous, one regiment losing 1,500 men. The Bulgars are commanded by General Boyadewoff. The Serbs have taken many prisoners and the captured booty included twenty-nine guns and large quantities of war material.

London, Sept. 16.—Premier Zaimis has finally declined to attempt to reform the Greek cabinet and has suggested to King Constantine that former Premier Venizelos, leader of the pro-war party, be invited to head the new ministry, said an Athens dispatch to the Evening Star today.

Berlin, (via wireless to Sayville), Sept. 16.—Emperor Wilhelm telegraphed the Empress last night that the troops of the central powers have inflicted a severe defeat on the Russo-Rumanians.

London, Sept. 16.—The British center has been thrust forward to a point 500 yards north of Fourceaux wood in the violent battle raging north of the Somme. General Haig reported to the war office today.

The whole of the villages of Courcellette, Martinpuich, and Fiers are firmly in British hands. Five hundred more prisoners have been captured, making a total of 2,800 Germans officially reported captured in the first 24-hours of the renewed Somme offensive.

Four German field guns were captured south of the Ancre last night, and two local counter-attacks by the Germans failed. Though the Germans resisted desperately, the Teutonic commanders made no attempt to organize a great counter-attack. The British carried out many successful night raids, entering enemy trenches at several places.

Paris, Sept. 16.—German attacks both north and south of the Somme were repulsed by the French

EYES SET ON ALEXANDRIA

New Armor Plant May Be Located on Site in This City

PROSPECTS BRIGHTEN

Secretary Daniels Orders Inspection of Places Here—Washington Favors Alexandria

Officials of the Navy Department shortly will begin the task of selecting a site for the \$11,000,000 government armor plant from the locations offered by representatives of 125 cities in various parts of the East and South by personally inspecting those offered by Washington and Alexandria and other principal points. The nearness to the National Capital, with consequent advantage of proximity to the source of support by appropriations from Congress and the Navy Department, is expected to prove an important factor in the inspection of these sites, and to enhance the possibility of the ultimate selection of either Washington or Alexandria.

It is the plan of Secretary Daniels to divide the country into zones, and first have the obviously eligible sites inspected by members of the staff. Owing to the length of time a personal inspection will entail it is not expected that a decision will be reached and announced for at least two, and possibly three months.

Before adjourning the board gave Representative Carlin, of Virginia, permission to file a brief setting forth the natural advantages of Alexandria, and Senator Stone, detailing the advantage of a site at St. Louis. These briefs will be studied by the naval board, together with the arguments presented by the delegations personally, and by correspondence before a decision is announced.

last night, it was officially announced today.

Rome, Sept. 16.—Italian troops are now on the offensive on the whole Isonzo front from Goritz to the sea and the Austrian line has been broken on several places. Austrian losses in two days of fighting are said to exceed 10,000.

A workman was killed and eight others were injured yesterday at Pompton Lakes, N. J., when lightning caused a explosion in the fulminate building at the du Pont de Nemours Powder Company's plant. The explosion started a fire.